

Senate Resolution 277

By: Senators Goggans of the 7th, Staton of the 18th, Unterman of the 45th, Thomas of the 54th, Adelman of the 42nd and others

ADOPTED

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to impose an annual \$10.00 trauma charge on certain passenger motor vehicle registrations in this state for the purpose of funding trauma care; to provide for a trauma trust fund; to provide for a definition; to provide for procedures; to provide for exceptions; to provide that such funds shall not be subject to lapse and certain other restrictions; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by adding a new subparagraph to read as follows:

"(o)(1) As used in this subparagraph, the term 'passenger vehicle' means every motor vehicle designed to carry ten or fewer passengers and that is used for the transportation of persons and shall include pickup trucks, motorcycles, sport utility vehicles, and passenger vans.

(2) There shall be imposed an annual \$10.00 trauma charge on each passenger vehicle, as defined in this subparagraph, registered in this state. Such trauma charge shall be collected at the same time as other license tag and registration fees required by law are collected and prior to the issuance of a license plate or revalidation decal for such passenger vehicle in such manner as may be provided for by general law.

(3) The trauma charge under this subparagraph shall not apply to vehicles owned by the state or its departments, agencies, or authorities or by any political subdivision of the state.

(4) Proceeds of the trauma charge under this subparagraph shall be deposited on a monthly basis in a trauma trust fund. The General Assembly shall provide for the operation of such trust fund and shall specify the trauma care purposes for which such funds are to be expended.

27 (5) Revenues deposited into the trauma trust fund shall not lapse as otherwise required
28 by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c) and shall not be subject to the limitations of
29 subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph or of Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II."

30 **SECTION 2.**

31 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
32 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
33 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

34 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to impose an annual
35 () NO \$10.00 trauma charge on certain passenger motor vehicles in this state for
36 the purpose of funding trauma care?"

37 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."

38 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
39 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
40 become a part of the Constitution of this state.